

Aetna Happy With Partnership Fostered By Hartford Mayor

To The Editor:

Your lead editorial from August 7, 2006 ("The Missing Mayor") unfortunately mischaracterized the relationship between Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez and Aetna.

When our company announced its intention to move most of its Middletown-based employees to Hartford in 2010, it did so in concert with the state and city. Far from being "an afterthought," Mayor Perez and his staff were active partners who worked collaboratively with Aetna to help resolve parking and other issues.

He was quoted in our press release because he deserved to be: his administration has worked hard to create job opportunities in the city.

Aetna has enjoyed a strong relationship with the city of Hartford over the years. That has continued under Mayor Perez.

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